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1. In September 1947, Soviet engineer troops began construction of a large training camp in the Chust area (48°11'N; 23°15'E), three kilometers west of Lipca (48°16'N; 23°24'E). Before work on the camp was started a railway was constructed between Lipca and Devka (a small station on the Berehovo-Kadnice line, 48°22'N; 23°13'E).
2. Work on the camp ceased in November because of bad weather and the lack of materials; however, internal work continued and some of the barracks were completed by the end of December. About the middle of November there were twenty-three wooden huts in the area, each for eighty-three men. The camp is surrounded by barbed wire, two meters high.
3. Work was performed by a labor detachment of 2,000 men, including "Slovak collaborators" who were prisoners from the concentration camp of Brezka. First Lieutenant Vesnirov was in charge of the group. The installation is neither the concentration camp type nor the standard military type; indications are that it is definitely a training camp.
4. There are two large military camps nearby, one at Isticove (near Bilky), the other at Irsava (sic, both unlocated on map). A motorized column of MVD troops is stationed at the latter. Additional accommodations are available at both camps.

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